



TALES OF GHOULS AND GOBLINS SPUN AT "STORIES" CAMPFIRE

The scene was set. The pumpkins were carved. The fire was lit.



The crowd was greeted by this strange character as they entered the parking area.



They then had to make their way to the check-in table and get past this gruesome character.

Once to the amphitheatre, 78 guests were greeted by storytellers Steve Meserve and Megan Hicks. Both storytellers told tales of ghosts and goblins! Steve Meserve even told a story about strange knocking heard at the park's very own Lanesville House!

Event patrons enjoyed the myriad of stories set among the dark woods of



Steve Meserve leads off the storytelling at Claude Moore Park's amphitheatre.

Claude Moore Park. At the end of the evening, the group convened at the campfires and roasted marshmallows.

For the newly-added pumpkin carving contest, one of these prizes shown to the right was awarded to Alexandra Krens for scariest pumpkin.



HOLIDAY IN THE PARK SET FOR DECEMBER 3

The final special event of the year is set, so save the date! **Holiday In The Park** is scheduled for Saturday, December 3, from 3:30-6 PM. A few additions to this year's event have been added.

First, the event is free, but we encourage participants to donate hats, mittens, or scarves to our Winter Warmth Tree. All donations are given to the Loudoun Holiday Coalition

which, in turn, helps families in need throughout the county.

This year, we'll also have a sign dedication at the beginning of the event. As part of the park's walking tour through the historic district, four new interpretive signs have been added to the historic Lanesville House. These new signs will be unveiled at this event.

Besides our holiday crafts, wagon rides, Frogshackle Nature Center open house, and marshmallow roasting, we'll have tours of the Lanesville House adorned in period decorations as well as entertainment by the Chorus of the Old Dominion, a men's barbershop group. Please plan on joining us for this simple holiday event in historic Claude Moore Park.



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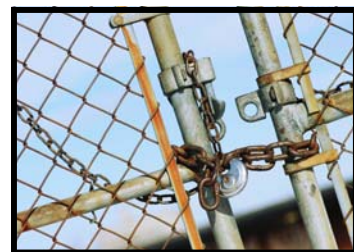
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Park's operating schedule for the fall and winter.

It's that time of year where the days get shorter, and so too, does the park's operating schedule. Please see the following list of gate closing time changes and holiday operations:

- Monday, October 31—Nature & Pedestrian Gates close at **5:30 PM**
- Monday, November 7—Nature & Pedestrian Gates close at **5 PM**
- Monday, November 14—Sportsplex is tentatively scheduled to close for the season; all three gates will close at **5 PM**.
- Thursday, November 24 (Thanksgiving) - **Park & Loudoun Heritage Farm Museum are closed.***
- Friday, November 25—Park is open 7 AM-5 PM; Museum is open 10 AM-5 PM.
- Saturday, December 24 (Christmas Eve) - Park is open 7 AM-5 PM; Museum is open 10 AM-5 PM.
- Sunday, December 25 (Christmas) - **Park & Museum are closed.***
- Saturday, December 31 (New Year's Eve) - Park is open 7 AM-5 PM; Museum is open 10 AM-5 PM.
- Sunday, January 1 (New Year's Day) - **Park & Museum are closed.***

***Please note that if the park is closed, it is illegal to come onto County property. Please refrain from entering the park for any reason on the days when the park will be closed.**



Upcoming special events or programs that you don't want to miss!

Are you looking for something for your child to do during fall break? If so, then we have the program for you. Join Claude Moore Park for **Fall Nature Camp** (#161212); camp runs Monday & Tuesday, November 7 & 8, from 9 AM-3 PM each day. This camp is designed for students, ages 6-9 years, and will offer them the opportunity for exploration, experimentation, and crafting as they discover what makes nature special in the fall. There will be activities indoors and out, so dress appropriately for the weather conditions. Activities include tree identification using tree bark, leaves, and fruit, making a tree model, a fall hike, decorating tree cookies for jewelry, tree survival games, visits to Frogshackle Nature Center, making seed mosaics, roasting marshmallows on an open fire, and much more. Students will want to bring a snack, water, and lunch each day. The cost is \$40.50 and children can register for one or both days.



Do you have an inquisitive preschooler? How about trying Claude Moore Park's **"Put On Your Winter Coat"** program (#161124)? Scales, feathers, and furs are some of animals' skin coverings.



Children will discover how these coverings protect the animals from winter. There will be games, stories, and outdoor exploration. Classes are available on either Monday or Thursday, November 14 or 17, from 9:30-11 AM or 12:30-2 PM on either day.

You could also try the **"Tricky Tracks"** program for preschoolers (#161126). Be a nature detective, and follow tracks, find feathers, and seek burrows to investigate animals of the park. Find proof that deer, fox, rabbits, and other animals live here. This class is available on Monday, November 21 from either 9:30-11 AM or 12:30-2 PM.



Lastly, bring the kids for a hands-on adventure at Frogshackle Nature Center. Run your fingers through a muskrat's fur. See a life-size fox. Make animal tracks in the sand. Explore our log cabin nature center and see and touch many fascinating objects. November's theme is Squirrels! Children must be accompanied by an adult; this is a free drop-in program. The next open house is November 10 from 2:30-3:30 PM.

For more info., please contact the park at 703-444-1275.

Photos from around the park!



This beautiful Blue Heron was captured on film watching over the fish in Frogshackle Pond! Lunch, anyone?



Construction continues on the recreation center; this is the view of the pool complex.



The recreation center's classroom portion is under roof and almost fully enclosed.



Field #6, the park's multi-purpose field, was renovated this summer; the new grass is coming in quite nicely making this field available in spring of 2006.



You can see the colors just starting to change on some of the park's trees; this is a view overlooking Frogshackle Pond from the historic area.

Job Opportunities Available at the Park

Currently, fall and winter part-time employment is available!

FACILITY SUPERVISORS

(Recruitment #20-010)

These are seasonal positions that provide supervision for participants and park users according to park and department rules and regulations. Supervisors oversee park openings and closings, use of fields and pavilions, monitoring vehicle use, providing building coverage including phones, and some customer service. Several shifts are available. Requirements include a high school diploma and first aid certification prior to beginning work. Hiring range: \$11.13-\$13.35/hr.

NATURE INSTRUCTORS

(No Recruitment #)

These are part-time seasonal and/or part-time year-round positions that provide instruction for pre-school- and elementary-age participants. Subject matter includes nature (general), native flora and fauna, conservation, history (related to the park's history), and much more. Shifts include daytime hours during the week and some Saturdays and special events. Requirements include a high school diploma and any educational experience or past work with young children/youth, as well as first aid certification prior to beginning work. Pay rate: varies based on experience.



For more information on Claude Moore Park, please visit our website at www.loudoun.gov/prcs/parks/claude.htm or call 703-444-1275.

You can also find a job application at www.loudoun.gov; please complete it and return it to Loudoun County's Human Resources Department.